

Remarks and Conclusion

Claims 1-7, 11-15, 18-21, 30-37 and 46-49 have herein been canceled.

Claims 22-24, 38-40 and 50-52 remain pending in the application.

In view of the claim amendments introduced herein above, Applicants believe the application is now in condition for the issuance of a notice of allowance. Such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned Attorney for the Applicants.

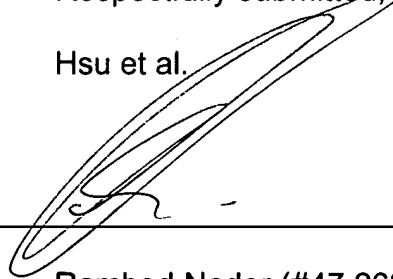
Applicants do not believe any fees are due with this submission. However, the commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any fee required for this submission, should there be any, to our account 50-2587.

Respectfully submitted,

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